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LEGION HEAD ASKS 'COLD WAR' ACTION

**Urges U. S. Strategy Board
Be Established to Direct
Offensive Against Reds**

The creation of a government board of strategy with authority to use all Federal facilities to put the United States on the offensive in the "cold war" was advocated last night by Preston J. Moore, national commander of the American Legion.

In a speech at the annual dinner of the New York Department of the Legion in the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, Mr. Moore suggested further that such a strategy board also be empowered to direct the nation's facilities in the event of a shooting war.

Speaking as the guest of honor of the dinner, Mr. Moore said that "instead of merely meeting crises as they are manufactured for us, such a board would for the first time launch a world-wide freedom offensive against slavery."

It could, he said, "put real muscle into the foreign-aid program."

He suggested that the board could "use all of the techniques of modern communication to teach the uncommitted millions of the world of the true promise of democracy."

Ultimately, Mr. Moore predicted, the board's efforts would "penetrate the Iron Curtain with the idealism and the intellectual ferment which could bring about the fall of communism."

He called for the maintenance of military strength and for a

continuing firm stand by this country on Berlin. Mr. Moore said that he believed "America can save itself and the world by taking the offensive politically, economically and psychologically."

He reported that he had

"pledged to the President of the United States the full support of the American Legion in any military measures he may deem necessary in Berlin."

The speech was broadcast by the American Broadcasting Company.

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